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Supervisors approve architect for planned Crestline Library

SAN BERNARDINO – The planned Crestline Library moved a step closer to reality Tuesday when the Board of Supervisors selected STK Architectural Inc. to design the facility.

"We selected this design firm from more than a dozen applicants based on their experience and the quality of their library proposal," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane, who represents Crestline communities as the Second District Supervisor.

The current Crestline branch library has been located in the former U.S. Post Office at 2355 Knapps Cutoff since 1986. The 3,150 square-foot, leased building is too small to meet the growing needs of residents in the Crestline communities, according to a 2001 analysis conducted by a library design and operations consulting firm.

Plans call for the new library to be located on 3.1 acres owned by the County along Lake Gregory Drive. The property is adjacent to the Crestline Skatepark and is across the street from the popular Outer Lake Gregory Trail.

The 7,800 square-foot library will house hundreds more books and periodicals than the current facility. It will feature a multi-purpose public meeting room as well as computer workstations with Internet connections. The library design will be consistent with the community's alpine surroundings.

"The new Crestline Library is going to be a first-class facility that residents will be proud to call their own," Chairman Biane said.

The entire library project is expected to cost about \$4.2 million.

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